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Date 15 Oct 43

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Aschersleben, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear as far as undercast
- GIVE: (a) Date 22 Feb 44 Time 1230; and Location 51°50'N, 06°25'E  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) last sighted; ( ) last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or ( ) information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows Ten to fifteen ME 109's attacked and shot down A/C No. 42-3087
- AIRCRAFT: Type, model and Series B-17-F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3087
- ENGINES: Type, model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW006160  
(b) SW-006283; (c) 43-56160; (d) 42-78506
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

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	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	Kew, William J.	2nd Lt	0-671960
2.	CO-Pilot	Nicklelt, Charles E.	2nd Lt	0-742008
3.	Navigator	O'Hara, Irvan G.	2nd Lt	0-671107
4.	Bombardier	Dow, Carleton F.	2nd Lt.	0-728960
5.	Radio Operator	Miles, Harold R.	T/Sgt.	35319107
6.	Top Turret	Ross, James W.	T/Sgt.	13113261
7.	Ball Turret	Baird, Ralph E., Jr.	S/Sgt.	38182434
8.	Tail Gunner	Hopkins, James R.	S/Sgt.	15374149
9.	Right Flexible Gun	Lunceford, John W.	S/Sgt.	39611842
10.	Left Flexible Gun	Whipple, Charles T.	S/Sgt.	35343572

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by	Last	Saw	Saw Forced		
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing		
1. Outen, Charles Levi, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-742452			X			
2. Wood, Charles Stoddart	2nd Lt.	0-809794			X			
3.								

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used 1; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other person (Specify) 1 chute seen to emerge
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORTS OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE THERE.

Date of Report 22 February 1944

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Serial 9

J. R. Wyatt  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
J. R. WYATT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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Ku 948

Feb. 23, 1944

Intress

Baird, Ralph Edwin Jr., S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 38 182 434

Taken prisoner

Hopkins, James Russell, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 15-374 149

Taken prisoner

Inceford, John William, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 39 611 842

Taken prisoner

O'Hara, Irwan G., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. born July 19, 1926

Ident. Tag: 0-671 167

Taken prisoner

Whipple, Charles Thomas, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 35 343 572

Taken prisoner

Nicklett, Charles Edwin, 2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag: 0-742008

Taken prisoner

Miles, Harold Russell, T/1 Sgt.

Ident. Tag: 35-319107

Taken prisoner

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CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS ED. BY

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<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Place and Time Air- craft was down</u>
KIA 1. Sgt.	William J. <sup>AC</sup>	0-87100	28 February 1944 at 09.00	North-Campsey (of MIA) Bunsellorf Section III Grave No. 366	A Corps of an American F5U was down at Bunsellorf, near Gubbio (Italy) at 23 Feb. 1944 at 18.00 of clock
KIA 2. Sgt.	James V. <sup>AC</sup>			Same as above Grave No. 365	Same as above

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